



New Howard R. Gudelsky
Emergency Department
Opening April 2010.



Gazette.Net

Maryland Community Newspapers Online

Now 75° Mon 78°/61° Tue 85°/

Montgomery | Prince George's | Frederick | Sports | Business | Politics | Entertainment | Opinion | Calendar | Autos | Homes | GazetteB

News by Community

Sports by Community

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Marks announces Republican bid for District 16 Senate

Bethesda resident pushes fiscal accountability in chase for Frosh's seat

by Andrew Ujifusa | Staff Writer



More News

Former Bowie State teacher returns to inspire students

Residents comment on alternative energy

Vehicle thieves get away with more than change

Children might have to keep lots for five years

Rehab team helps trauma patients in Haiti

Fiscal discipline is Meyer Marks' preferred medicine for Maryland's budget woes as he gears up to run for Maryland's District 16 Senate seat.

The Bethesda Republican, who ran in the GOP primary for Maryland's District 8 in Congress, has made getting the state's roughly \$2 billion budget deficit cleaned up a top priority of his campaign.

"I personally would not support any new legislation that does not have any dedicated source of funding," Marks said in an interview with The Gazette.

A former finance director for the Arkansas Republican Party and the founder of a government relations firm, Meyer previously ran in the Republican primary for Maryland's District 8 in the U.S. Congress in 2008, coming in fifth of five candidates with 5.9 percent of the vote.

District 16 is represented by Sen. Brian E. Frosh (D) of Chevy Chase.

Marks said that for too long Maryland has lived by a "tax and spend" philosophy that is no longer sustainable. This philosophy has also stifled

Know Your Neighborhoods

Before you buy a home, learn all about the neighborhood, exclusively on Gazette.Net **HOMES** >>

Gazette.Net Homes

FEATURED JOBS

MOMS You can care for one or children while staying in your own home. Call MONDAY MORNING MOMS for...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST PART TIME Financial Consulting Firm Gaithersburg needs a Part-time Admin/Personal As

Advertising Sales Consultant Comprint Military Publications a Newsweek Media company is looking for an en

MANUFACTURING ASSEMBLER Assembler-This is a temp.



economic growth by diminishing Maryland's attractiveness to existing businesses, according to Marks, who cited a 2010 study by the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation that ranked Maryland 45th out of the 50 states in terms of its business taxation climate.

To change this environment, Marks would support tax breaks and incentives for businesses, including a payroll tax holiday.

"We always seem to lose out to Virginia when it comes to attracting private industry," said Marks, 50, who earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Arkansas.

He has a similar approach to health care: Drawing on his experience as a health care government relations firm, Marks and Associates, he said reforming medical malpractice and allowing insurance carriers to sell across state lines would create changes for the better.

Marks' major proposal for public safety is to pass legislation requiring criminals convicted of violent crimes to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. He supports current funding for public schools but says the environment should also be made friendlier to new charter schools.

Despite Bethesda's reputation as a stronghold for the Democratic Party, Marks said he ran for Congress in 2008 in part to fight against the direction of the national Republican Party, which he can attract moderate and independent voters.

"The main thing is having accountability," Marks said. "I'm there to represent everyone, regardless of their party affiliation."

-Residence: Bethesda

-Age: 50

-Party: Republican

-Education: University of

Central Arkansas,

Georgetown University

-Work Experience: Founder and President, Marks and Associates, a government relations firm; founder of EUSA Council, an NGO on trans-Atlantic relations

-Family: Divorced, no children

-Top Three Issues: Fiscal accountability, health care reform, public safety

-Campaign Funds: Has raised \$2,000 since Feb. 15

-Previous Political Experience: Elected State Committeeman for Republican Party of Arkansas, 1986; R candidate for U.S. Congress in Maryland's District 8, 2008.

-Other Affiliations: Member, All Saints Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase; member, Chesapeake Bay Four American Political Science Association

-Web Site: www.marksformaryland.org

Copyright © 2010 Post-Newsweek Media, Inc./Gazette.Net
Contact Us | About Us | Privacy Policy | FAQ | E-Letters | Place Classified Ad |
The Gazette | 9030 Comprint Court | Gaithersburg, MD 20877 | main number: 301-670-2565, classifieds: 301-670-2